



COVID-19 Capital Improvements at Meridian Hall and Meridian Arts Centre

Date: August 24, 2020

To: Audit Committee and the Board of Directors of TO Live

From: President and Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to introduce the Board of Directors of TO Live to a series of proposed capital improvements related to COVID-19 at Meridian Hall and Meridian Arts Centre, and to begin a process to formalize their creation and funding.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The President and Chief Executive Officer recommends that the Board of Directors of TO Live:

1. Direct the President and Chief Executive Officer, TO Live to work with the City's Financial Planning department, as quickly as possible, to establish new capital improvement projects at Meridian Hall and Meridian Arts Centre related to COVID-19, including those detailed in Attachment 1 and investigate methods of funding these projects.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact at this time. Future funding of approximately \$900,000 would be required to support the proposed projects.

DECISION HISTORY

At its May 22, 2020 meeting, the Board adopted the 2020 State of Good Repair and Facility Fee Reserve Fund with amendments.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.CT10.5>

COMMENTS

Performing arts facilities face unique challenges to protect its audiences and staff from COVID-19. Equally challenging will be welcoming audiences back into TO Live's venues as concern of virus spread is, and will remain, a worry for returning audiences for some time.

Attachment 1 outlines a series of proposed capital investments aimed to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19. If implemented in the near future, these investments would provide TO Live with a tool to promote initiatives undertaken for the safety of our patrons, with the hope of enticing more people back to our venues sooner and in greater numbers.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Proposed Capital Health and Safety Improvements at Meridian Hall and Meridian Arts Centre